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E.O. 12065: GDS 7/7/86 (SHLAUDEMAN, HARRY W.) OR-M
TAGS: SHUM, PINT, AR, BL, PE
SUBJECT: [REDACTED] AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL INQUIRY ABOUT ALLEGED
ARGENTINE "MONTONEROS"

REF: (A) LIMA 5964, (B) STATE 175612, (C) LIMA 5932,
(D) LIMA 5570

1. [REDACTED] WE BELIEVE THAT TWO OF THE PERSONS NAMED IN PARA 2
OF REF B (MARIA INEZ ROBERTA GOROSTEAGUI AND ALDO ALBERTO
MORAN) MAY WELL BE ALIASES FOR TWO OF THE REMAINING FOUR
MENTIONED IN THAT PARA. REF D REPORTED THAT JULIA SANTOS
DE ACEBAL WAS ALSO KNOWN AS "FLACA INEZ" AND THAT JULIO
CESAR RAMIREZ OLMOS USED THE ALIAS LUIS ESTEBAN ALMIRON
(WHICH MAY BE GARBLED AS ALBERTO MORAN). THE REMAINING
TWO NOEMI ESTHER GIANOTTI GODOY DE MOLFINO AND FEDERICO
FRIAS ALBERGA) HAVE BEEN NAMED IN PREVIOUS TELEGRAMS FROM
LIMA CONCERNING THIS CASE. CONFUSION OF NAMES BY AMNESTY
INTERNATIONAL HEADQUARTERS MAY BE DUE TO FACT THAT IT DID
NOT CLEAR ITS INFORMATION WITH AI'S LIMA REPS
(REF C). IN ANY CASE, IF OUR ANALYSIS IS CORRECT,
FOUR MONTONEROS ARE INVOLVED, NOT SIX.

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2. [REDACTED] AS INDICATED IN REF C, WE ARE SO FAR UNABLE
TO CONFIRM OR REFUTE ANY OF THE VARIOUS CHARGES

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WITH RESPECT TO TORTURE AND/OR MURDER. RICHTER HAS DENIED FLATLY IN A PRIVATE CONVERSATION WITH THE BOLIVIAN AMBASSADOR THAT ANY MONTONERO WAS KILLED HERE. RICHTER ALSO TOLD THE BOLIVIAN AMBASSADOR THAT HE IS TRYING TO GET THE ARGENTINE SECURITY AUTHORITIES TO PRODUCE THE DEPORTEES FOR PUBLIC VIEWING, PRESUMABLY IN BUENOS AIRES. THE ARGENTINE AMBASSADOR, WHO CLAIMS NO KNOWLEDGE OF THE AFFAIR PRIOR TO THE PUBLICITY, IS PURPORTEDLY TRYING TO DO THE SAME. HIS INTEREST AS THE PRIME MOVER IN VIDELA'S PROJECTED VISIT HERE IS UNDERSTANDABLE. PRESIDENT-ELECT BELAUNDE TOLD OUR AMBASSADOR JULY 5 THAT EFFORTS ARE UNDER WAY TO PERSUADE VIDELA NOT TO COME AND WE UNDERSTAND THAT MANUEL ULLOA HAS BEEN IN TOUCH WITH MARTINEZ DE HOY ON THAT POINT.

3. [REDACTED] THE MOST DIFFICULT QUESTION FOR RICHTER AND HIS ASSOCIATES TO ANSWER IS WHAT HAPPENED TO FEDERICO FRIAS ALBERGA, IF IN FACT THE OTHER THREE INDIVIDUALS WERE LEGALLY DEPORTED TO BOLIVIA AS THE GENERAL INSISTS. IN THE EVENT THE THREE ARE PRODUCED IN BUENOS AIRES-- WHICH APPEARS FROM HERE RATHER UNLIKELY--THE SUSPICION THAT FRIAS WAS MURDERED IN PERU WILL PERSIST. WITH RESPECT TO AI'S REQUEST TO THE DEPARTMENT, IT MAY BE NOTED THAT THE AMBASSADOR HAS ALREADY DISCUSSED THE CASE WITH THE FOREIGN MINISTER AND WILL TAKE IT UP WITH JOSE MARIA DE LA JARA, MINISTER OF INTERIOR-DESIGNATE IN THE INCOMING ADMINISTRATION. WE THINK THE CHANCES THAT THERE WILL ULTIMATELY BE A MEANINGFUL INVESTIGATION HERE ARE FAIRLY GOOD AND WILL DO WHAT WE CAN TO BRING THAT ABOUT.

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1. (U) JULY 3 EDITION OF INDEPENDENT LEFTIST WEEKLIES "MARKA" AND "EQUIS" FOCUSED COVERAGE ON THE ALLEGED CENTRAL ROLE PLAYED BY PRIME MINISTER RICHTER IN APPROVING JOINT ACTION WITH ARGENTINE SECURITY OFFICERS, WITH "MARKA" CALLING FOR HIS IMMEDIATE RESIGNATION. "EQUIS" ALSO REPORTED THAT THREE LEFTIST PERUVIAN POLITICIANS (MANUEL DAMMERT, AUGUSTIN HAYA, AND ANTONIO BEZA CUADRA) INTEND TO BRING CRIMINAL CHARGES IN A CIVILIAN COURT AGAINST COL. MARTIN MARTINEZ GARAY (PERUVIAN ARMY INTELLIGENCE) FOR HIS ALLEGED ROLE IN THE KIDNAPPING AND TORTURE OF THE ARGENTINES IN QUESTION. REPORT INDICATES THAT A NUMBER OF EYEWITNESSES WILL BE

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CALLED TO TESTIFY, INCLUDING A GUARDIA CIVIL OFFICER KNOWLEDGABLE ABOUT THE SEIZURE OF FRIAS AND A DUTCH JOURNALIST (ROBERT SPRENKELS) WHO CLAIMS TO HAVE SEEN NOEMI ESTHER GIANOTTI GODOY DE MOLFINO SEIZED. IN ADDITION, "EQUIS" SUGGESTED THAT DURING THE COURSE OF THE LEGAL INVESTIGATION WHICH WILL ENSUE, THE 1977 CASE OF CARLOS ALBERTO MAGUID (DISAPPEARANCE IN PERU OF A PERONIST EXILE) WILL BE RAISED, POINTING AN ACCUSING FINGER AT FOUR OTHER OFFICERS OF PERUVIAN ARMY INTELLIGENCE (COL. JOSE DE VIVERO ARIAS, LTC. JULIO VARGAS MARTINEZ, MAJ. HECTOR ALFREDO MATTA ROSINGANA, AND CAPT. DAVID BRAVO CASTRILLON).

5. (U) " EL DIARIO DE MARKA" CONTINUED ITS INTENSIVE COVERAGE OF THE MONTONEROS CASE QUOTING APRA LEADER ARMANDO VILLANUEVA ON JULY 4 AS SAYING THAT WHAT HAPPENED WAS "A CRIME AGAINST HUMAN RIGHTS...A DISGRACE ""AND CANNOT BE ACCEPTED IN PERU OR ANY OTHER COUNTRY." THE JULY 6 EDITION SHARPLY CRITICIZED RICARDO DURAND FLOREZ, ARCHBISHOP OF CALLOA, FOR HIS REPORTED STATEMENT THAT "PERU HAS MADE GOOF USE OF ITS RIGHT TO EXPEL FROM ITS TERRITORY PERSONS WHO ENTERED IT ILLEGALLY." THE ARCHBISHOP ALSO REPORTEDLY SAID THAT IT WAS NOT CLEAR TO HIM THAT THESE ARGENTINES
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HAD BEEN KILLED. (EDITORIAL CARTOON IN JULY 7 EDITION CONTINUED CRITICISM OF DURAND BY SHOWING HIM STANDING NEXT TO CHRIST ON THE CROSS, WITH THE ARCHBISHOP MAKING THE STATEMENTS QUOTED ABOVE, AND TWO SIGNS OF THE FISH WITH STATEMENTS SAYING "OUT WITH RICHTER" AND "DURAND THE PHARISEE PRIEST.") JULY 6 EDITION ALSO PUBLISHED EFE REPORT THAT THE BOLIVIAN IMMIGRATION OFFICIAL WHO ALLEGEDLY SIGNED A RECEIPT FOR THREE ARGENTINES JUNE 17 CLAIMED THAT HE DID NOT SEE THE THREE PERSONS IN QUESTION (REF A).
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